(b) if so, the details of such incidents; and

(c) the steps being taken to face the challenge effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For tackling the problems of terrorism in J&K, the Government have adopted a multipronged approach which includes interalia strengthening the border management, to curb infiltration neutralising plans of militants by Pro-active action against them in hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional integration through Unified Headquarter operations group at various levels, improved technology weapons and equipment for the Security forces, galvanising development programmes and deepening the democratic process etc. This approach which is dynamic in nature is constantly reviewed to meet the changing strategy of the terrorists.

Law to Replace Tada

†631. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to make any stringent punitive law like TADA in view of growing number of terrorist incidents;

(b) if so, what progress has been made in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 1995 which seeks to provide an alternate law for combating terrorism was introduced in the Rajya Sabha in May, 1995 when the erstwhile Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987 was allowed to lapse. This Bill has remained pending because of absence of political consensus on the passing of the Bill. On the advice of this Ministry, Law Commission has now taken up the study for formulating requisite law for combating terrorism in the country.

Escape of Prisoners from Jails

†632. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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